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Summary record (partial)* of the 10th meeting**

Held at the Palais Wilson, Geneva, on Friday, 24 February 2017, at 3 p.m.

Chair: Ms. Bras Gomes

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- * No summary record was prepared for the rest of the meeting.
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The discussion covered in the summary record began at 5.20 p.m.

Closure of the session

1. **The Chair**, giving an overview of the Committee's activities during the session, said that the Committee had welcomed three new members, had elected a new bureau for a two-year tenure and had established a new working group on communications made up of six members. While the Committee had not reviewed any State party reports, it had met with nine non-reporting States and would follow up with their permanent missions to encourage them to submit their initial reports as soon as possible. The Committee had held a number of meetings on a range of issues with civil society organizations and staff of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. The Committee had agreed to introduce a procedure on follow-up to concluding observations, the modalities of which would be formally adopted and communicated to States parties at the sixty-first session in June.

2. A day of general discussion had been held regarding the draft general comment on State obligations under the Covenant in the context of business activities. It had been very well attended, particularly by civil society organizations, and had reached a wider audience through webcasting and social media. Discussion had continued on the general comment on article 15 and, for the first time, a group of co-rapporteurs was leading discussions on a general comment on Covenant rights in relation to development and the environment. A new general comment on land and Covenant rights had been proposed and a preliminary meeting with non-governmental organizations had been held on the topic; the hope was to have a draft by September 2017. The Committee had adopted a statement on the rights of migrants and refugees.

3. Following an exchange of courtesies, she declared closed the sixtieth session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

The meeting rose at 5.30 p.m.